H.R. 1140 – South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act

Floor Situation

H.R. 1140 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA) on February 16, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources, by voice vote, on May 2, 2007.

H.R. 1140 is expected to be considered on the floor on May 7, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 1140:

- Authorizes \$13.5 million for up to 10 years for the Department of the Interior to pay up to 25% of the costs of a project in coordination with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California to design, plan, and construct a water treatment plant facility and recycled water system.
- Authorizes \$5 million for up to 10 years for the Department of the Interior to pay up to 25% of the costs of a project in coordination with the City of San Clemente, California to design, plan, and construct a project to expand reclaimed water distribution, storage and treatment facilities.

*Note: In both authorizations above, the authorized funds are not permitted to be used for operation or maintenance of the project, but only for designing, planning, and construction.

Background

The City of San Juan Capistrano is located in Orange County, California and relies on imported water from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta and the Colorado River to supply the city with much of its water. The City is planning a \$54 million project to construct a water recycling project consisting of four reservoirs, one pump station, and 29 pipelines.

Cost

At the time of publication The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 1140.

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